



INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST "ONE BASIN – 1000 WATER STORIES"

The International Sava River Basin Commission, marking the Sava River Day on June 1st, announces a photo contest **"ONE BASIN – 1000 WATER STORIES"**.

The theme of the competition is broadly conceived, aiming that rivers, lakes, wetlands, with them connected natural beauties, biodiversity, cultural and historical heritage, and people living in the Sava River Basin, are presented in a comprehensive way to the international audience.

The Sava River Basin, with its extraordinary biological and landscape diversity, is one of the most important basins of Southeast Europe. Home to more than 8 million people, the Sava River Basin extends to the territories of 6 countries - Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, and a small part of the northern Albania.

The lives of people in the Sava River Basin and many social activities depend on water. Also, water and their environment are habitats for many protected and other important plant and animal species, enriching and making the Sava River Basin the "crown jewel" of European nature. Furthermore, excessive use of water resources for water supply, hydropower production, agriculture, navigation, and other human activities together with increasingly frequent climate shocks can cause a water crisis (droughts, pollution, floods) that we see today in many parts of the world.

In accordance with the slogan "Be the change you want to see in the world," of the World Water Day 2023, which called for accelerating change in responding to the water crisis and promotes sustainable water use in the 21st century, the aim of the photo contest is to highlight the importance of each individual and her/his authentic story throughout the process of use, protection and preservation of water as invaluable common resource.

PHOTO CONTEST RULES

1. Organizer of the contest

The photo contest is organized by the International Sava River Basin Commission (Sava Commission).

The Sava Commission was established by the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin (FASRB), whose signatory Parties are Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia, Republic of Slovenia, and Republic of Serbia. The mandate and responsibilities of the Sava Commission reflect the ambitious approach of the Parties to effectively implement the aforementioned FASRB, whose main objectives are: the establishment of an international regime for navigation on the Sava River and its navigable tributaries, the establishment of sustainable water

management, and adoption of measures to prevent or limit hazards, and to reduce and eliminate adverse consequences, including those from floods, ice hazards, droughts and incidents involving substances hazardous to water.

2. Theme

The theme of the photo contest is "**ONE BASIN – 1000 WATER STORIES**".

Photographs should tell one of the stories, capture the moment in time, and provide a unique personal experience of the Sava River Basin, its rivers, lakes, wetlands, their natural beauty, and with them related biological and landscape diversity, cultural historical heritage and people.

The photographs should show the exceptional beauty of the Sava River Basin that we want to preserve as well as the challenges we face in protecting the water as a common invaluable resource. Moreover, photographs should present the advantages or the challenges of life with water, near the water or on the water in the Sava River Basin.

3. Entry rules for participation

All registered photos must be taken in the Sava River Basin area.

The contest is open to professional and amateur photographers, without any restrictions.

Participants should apply by filling out the Application form automatically accepting the terms of the contest.

4. Submission of applications

Application should contain from 1 to a maximum of 10 photos per contestant, and a fully completed online Application form. Each contestant is entitled to only one application submission.

Application photographs must be delivered in the digital form, within single compressed file (.ZIP file format) titled "SurnameName_PhotoContest2023" (e.g. JankovicJanko_PhotoContest2023.zip). ZIP files need to be uploaded via the accompanying Application form widget.

The title of each photograph should contain the surname and name of the author, photograph serial number, the title of the photo, location and month and year when the photo was captured "SurnameName_No_Title_Location_MM_YY" (e.g. JankovicJanko_1_Awakening of the Sava_Lonjsko Polje_07_2023).

Photographs and completed online Application form must be submitted by September 15th 2023, at the latest.

5. Requirements

Photographs must not contain violence and profanity or direct attacks on individuals or organizations. Any entries deemed offensive will be immediately disqualified.

Photographs can be colored or monochromatic, must be submitted in **JPEG format** with the minimum dimension of the long side of **1920 pixels** and a minimum resolution of **300 pixels/inch**, while the size of each photograph should not exceed **7 MB**.

Photographs must be contestant's original work, without interventions in the form of editing or graphic processing which might change the composition and elements (photomontages, photo manipulation and use of generative AI technologies is not allowed). Photos taken by film camera, fisheye lens, and stitched panoramas are not eligible. Post processing of the image is limited to exposure, contrast and white balance adjustments as well as moderate use of HDR.

6. Photo judging

When selecting the best photographs, the jury, taking into account the theme of the competition, will evaluate creativity, originality, innovation and quality of photography.

7. Awards

- The award to the author of the best photograph is **900,00 EUR**,
- The prize for the second place is **500,00 EUR**, and
- Three photographs will be selected for the third place, whose authors will receive prizes in the amount of **200,00 EUR** each.

8. Announcement of the photo contest results

A list of 5 awarded photographs will be published in mid-October 2023 on the official website of the Sava Commission (www.savacommission.org).

9. Copyright, use of photos and liability

The Sava Commission does not assume any responsibility for any disputes related to the ownership or copyright of the photos that the participants send to the Sava Commission in order to participate in the Contest.

If the participants of the Contest send photos over which they do not have the copyright or otherwise abuse the rights of others, the Sava Commission bears no responsibility for such a case.

Copyright and related rights belong to the participants. The Sava Commission acquires the right to permanently use the photos submitted as part of the Contest for non-profit purposes and without payment of compensation to the authors.

The Sava Commission undertakes to indicate the author of the photo when using photos.

Of all submitted works, 60 selected photographs will be published (with the author's name) on the official website of the Sava Commission.

10. Contact person

For more information about the photo contest, you can contact Ana Marinić (tel. +38514886960, e-mail: isrbc@savacommission.org) at the Secretariat of the Sava Commission.